



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

January 10, 2008

Fire Headquarters

1485 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Ziegler, Jascowski & Stoddard.

Chief Chris R. Schroeder

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre

Deputy Chief Tom Gill

Deputy Chief Frank Papa

Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis

Councilor Tom Bowen

Councilor Jay Bottalico

Captain Jeff Kobylarz

Captain Chris Ferri

Captain Joe Valvo

Captain Pat Gagnon

Lt. Joe Lapierre

Lt. Pedro Machado

F/F Conrad Desjardins

F/F Bill Pollock

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None at this time.

IV. Communications

Communications were read and accepted.

V. LEDGER STATUS

Ledger Status was accepted as presented.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

The Pay-per-Call program was presented to the Town Council on Tuesday by Assistant Chief Tom Lapierre.

The Lap Top installation is a slow process. We are waiting for the soft ware people to write a program. Car #1 is ready to be tested along with Engine#2.

The Rules & Regulations have been revised and ready for final preparation by the Secretary. Those should be ready for next month's meeting.

Company Inspections have been finalized with some changes. The Spring Inspections for Tuesday the 11th have been moved to March 4th at the same times so not to interfere with the Chief's Meeting.

The same with the September Inspections which have been moved from the 9th to the 2nd of September.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

The Pay-Per-Call Plan was presented to the Council with our State Representatives in attendance. Representative Nafis has been working on a program to retain full time paid firefighters as volunteers.

The new voice mail system has been reinstalled after a problem this past weekend. Having a new installation all previous information and passwords have been deleted. Members using the system will now have to establish a new password in order to access the system.

The Chief Evaluations are in progress and are at the halfway point. A few projects are nearing completion and should be finished shortly. The full evaluation will be in June.

Deputy Chief Papa has obtained some pricing with reference to unexpected roof repairs. The company that quoted the roof repairs is also able to do the chimney work allowing us to move ahead with both projects.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councilman Jay Bottalico spoke on the Pay-Per-Call program and along with Councilor Tom Bowen expressed the need to start moving on a trial basis in May. Use the approximately \$ 25,000 that we currently have until it runs out. Evaluate and critique the program at this point so we can fully implement at the beginning of the budget in July.

Councilor Bowen expressed the need to move ahead with the administrative issues needing to be resolved. He felt the presentation was well presented and the Fire Department explained the proposal clearly.

Councilor Bowen advised that the Department stay in touch with the Council and the Town Manager as the project moves ahead. The recommendation to have the Town Attorney review the project was agreed upon.

If the department finds that there are problems or money issues notify the Council in enough time so they can be prepared to assist if needed.

There will be a training exercise on Sunday, January 13th at the house next to the Library on Mill Street.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Commissioner Ziegler praised the Department on their response and professional handling of the fire on Kenlock Street.

Commissioner Ziegler noted that Past Assistant Chief Ray Peterson's wife had passed away. He said that though there was a good showing of the Chief Officers and Veteran's group, he was disappointed in the turnout from the rank and file of the department.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

